(c) Statistics on the point are not available. The collection of statistics will take considerable time and cannot be undertaken within the short notice given.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Are the Government, Sir, in a position to say that there has been at least one such instance during the period ?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—The Government have not enquired.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—A specific question was asked about the total number of such instances during the last year.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—The answer is there.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—The answer is given in a very irresponsible manner. In as much as I appreciate that it is very difficult to collect statistics for one single year, my supplementary question is whether there is one single instance.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I have answered it.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is the answer satisfactory according to the Government ?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—That is left to the Hon'ble Member's opinion.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—If notice is given can this information be given ?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I cannot answer it off-hand. Government will have to consider whether in the interests of public service and public convenience it would be opportune for the Government to undertake the collection of statistics.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Can I know, Sir, the number of requests for the collection of statistics which the Government could not comply with during the last few years ?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I want notice.

Assistant Surgeons' Deputation.

Diwan's Proceedings, Dis. 1967/1109, dated 26—9—1934.

130. **Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have noted the following passage in the report of the Surgeon-General to the Government of Madras for the year 1933—34 in reference to the extension of the L. M. P. Course "The end in view is to approximate the L. M. P. of Madras to the London M. R. C. S. and L. R. C. P. examinations";

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(b) how will the "maintenance of the present rule" (of preference to European qualification irrespective of the qualification being a degree or diploma) give those with Indian qualifications only, a chance of promotion to the higher ranks as is said in the above said Diwan's Proceedings;

(c) what proportion of the present number of Assistant Surgeons is eligible for the study leave according to the latest order referred to above ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—

(a) No.

(b) The question does not arise in view of answer to (a).

(c) 14 : 4—exclusive of the two Medical Inspectors of Schools, who are in the Assistant Surgeon's cadre with M. B., B. S. qualification.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to look into the report referred to in (a) ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Are they not in possession of a copy of the report ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—The answer to question (b) is that it does not arise in view of the answer to (a). May I know how questions (a) and (b) are related. They are independent questions according to me.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Whose opinion, may I know ?

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—We find they are independent questions.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—The question is how will the maintenance of the present rule give those with Indian qualifications only, a chance of promotion to the higher ranks as is said in the above said Diwan's Proceedings. According to me, it appears to be an entirely independent question. It has not been answered. Will the Government be pleased to give an answer.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—They can have study leave.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Are the Government aware that there is a Committee now in India appointed to get the Indian degrees recognised in England ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I am not aware.

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Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Have not the Government read in papers that if Indian degrees are not recognised in England, there will be retaliation?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—At present there is the Indian Medical Council and the question is not yet decided. The matter is still pending.

Mr. A. Echara Menon.—Have not the English authorities asked for a few years' time to recognise these degrees? So they have come to some definite conclusion.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know who are the gentlemen who are eligible for study leave?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The Assistant Surgeons in the service.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I have the names?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It is not possible for me to give an off-hand answer.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know the basis on which the Government arrived at the figure 10 years of service? What is the principle involved in it?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—That is the rule passed by the Government. The rules regulating study leave have been so fixed as to enable the candidates to be in a position to serve for a certain number of years for the usefulness of the State.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know what is the principle involved which actuated the Government in fixing 10 years?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I want notice.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Are there not in the Government service amongst Assistant Surgeons men with English qualifications who have passed the M. B. B. S. examination?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Don't you still maintain that the present staff in the Medical Department is efficient?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It is not a question of the efficiency of the present staff. It is a question of having improved and greater efficiency.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to (a) did the Chief Medical Officer try to compare the quotation after having received this question?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The report is not in my office. I was not able to get a copy at all.

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Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Is the present L. M. P. approximate to L.R. C. P., supposing the statement is there ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I cannot give an answer.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—My question has not been answered. My question was whether he attempted to get a copy.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—No.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know the reasons ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I did not think it necessary.

Limited Companies—prosecution of.

131. **Mr. Paul Mampilli.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) are the Government aware that Limited Companies are subjected to frivolous prosecutions in Courts by the Assistant Registrars of Joint Stock Companies;

(b) how many prosecutions against Limited Companies were started in 1109 ;

(c) how many of such prosecutions ended in conviction ;

(d) have the Assistant Registrars of Joint Stock Companies to pass any test examination in Company Law;

(e) is there any translation in Malayalam of the Indian Company Act available for sale in the Government Press ;

(f) if not, how do the Government expect persons who do not know English to be acquainted with the provisions of the Company Act ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No.

(b) 24.

(c) 1.

(d) Assistant Registrars who are not Graduates-in-law are required to pass the Registration test for which Company Law is one of the subjects.

(e) No. The Act has not been translated.

(f) With the help of competent advisers.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—In view of the fact that only one out of 24 cases ended in conviction do not the Government think that the prosecutions are frivolous ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government cannot come to that conclusion.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Does not a presumption arise in view of these figures ?

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